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#### **A. List of Restoration Activities**

The Groveland OHV Restoration Planning & Implementation Project will conduct an environmental analysis considering restoration activities at nine individual locations on the Groveland Ranger District. The planning effort will analyze alternative restoration activities for each area. A variety of natural resource surveys, reports and analyses will be completed as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning process. Public scoping and involvement will be included. Upon completion of the NEPA analysis and subsequent decision, implementation will commence.

The proposed restoration planning area includes single locations at Anderson Valley on Bull Creek Road, Montgomery Gulch, Old School House and Road 1S08Y and five individual areas along Moore Creek Road (see project specific location maps)

#### **B. How the Proposed Project Relates to OHV Recreation**

The project areas have been identified as being negatively impacted by illegal OHV use causing resource damage. The usual methods of education and signing have not been successful at mitigating the ongoing impacts. Erosion is resulting from hill climbs; tread damage is occurring and soil is being lost. The areas are denuded of vegetation. Riparian and associated aquatic habitats are being impacted by OHV users. Archaeological sites in the project areas - with significant and important culture, religious, and traditional values to local Native American tribes - are being adversely impacted.

The project will analyze alternatives to close and stabilize these use areas minimizing future adverse impacts to a variety of sensitive resources. The proposed planning grant request will fund efficient resource surveys, analysis, and documentation needed to complete the NEPA process and ultimately, protect the resources. Implementation of the project will follow.

If the project is not funded, these areas will continue to deteriorate because of OHV use. Further damage will occur to stream banks, steep slopes, and sensitive areas as OHV users continue to develop trails and deviate from forest roads and OHV routes in these dispersed areas. No action and continued use and resource degradation may lead to future closure of these areas to all OHV activities. The overall goal of the project is to keep users on established travelways so the recreation activity can continue and resources can be protected.

#### **C. Size of Project Site**

The Groveland OHV Restoration Planning and Implementation Project covers approximately ?? acres of restoration at nine individual locations on the Groveland Ranger District.

#### **D. Monitoring and Methodology**

Project monitoring will include completion of impact area condition surveys and creation of a photo log to document area prior to project implementation. Additional photos will be taken at project completion and annually thereafter to document changes in project over time. Condition surveys will be completed every three years or as need is determined. Any vandalism or incursions at site will be documented as well.

#### **E. List of Reports**

List of Reports & Documents to be produced:

1. Statement of detailed Proposed Action
2. Draft and final Specialist Analyses and Reports
3. Draft Decision Document
4. Final Decision Document
5. Project Monitoring File

All materials associated with the project will become part of the project record available for public review upon request.

**F. Goals, Objectives and Methodology / Peer Reviews**

The Groveland OHV Restoration Planning and Implementation Project does not involve scientific or cultural studies.

**G. Plan for Protection of Restored Area**

Monitoring of project will include routine patrols by FS LEOs and FPOs. District recreation staff will document any vandalism and intrusion into project area and will be responsible for scheduling and the completion of any repair needs.

Both enforcement and educational signs will be installed informing the visiting public of the project and reasons for implementation.

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**1. Project-Specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Groveland Restoration - Anderson Valley](#)

[Groveland Restoration - Montgomery](#)

[Groveland Restoration - Old Schoolhouse](#)

[Groveland Restoration - Site 4](#)

[Groveland Restoration - Moore Creek](#)

**2. Project-Specific Photos**

Attachments:

[Groveland Restoration Photos](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
Agency: USFS - Stanislaus National Forest  
Application: Restoration - Groveland Planning

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	USFS - Stanislaus National Forest		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Restoration - Groveland Planning	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>The Groveland OHV Restoration Planning &amp; Implementation Project will conduct an environmental analysis considering restoration activities at nine individual locations on the Groveland Ranger District. The planning effort will analyze alternative restoration activities for each area. A variety of natural resource surveys, reports and analyses will be completed as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning process. Public scoping and involvement will be included. Upon completion of the NEPA analysis and subsequent decision, implementation will commence.</p> <p>The proposed restoration planning area includes single locations at Anderson Valley on Bull Creek Road, Montgomery Gulch, Old School House and Road 1S08Y and five individual areas along Moore Creek Road (see project specific location maps)</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	Other-District Ranger (Planning) Notes : All management and administrative costs for project will be part of FS match	1.000	432.000	DAY	0.00	432.00	432.00
	Other-District PS PAL (Planning) Notes : All management and administrative costs for project will be part of FS match	3.000	372.000	DAY	0.00	1,116.00	1,116.00
	Other-OHV/Rec Specialist (Planning) Notes : OHV/Recreation staff will serve as project lead/interdisciplinary team leader on project	15.000	290.000	DAY	2,900.00	1,450.00	4,350.00
	Other-OHV/Rec Tech (Planning) Notes : OHV/Recreation staff will assist project lead/interdisciplinary team leader on project	20.000	240.000	DAY	3,600.00	1,200.00	4,800.00
	Other-Botany Crew (Planning)	4.000	252.000	DAY	1,008.00	0.00	1,008.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Notes : (e.g., 2 person botany (plants) survey crew)						
	Other-Botanist (Planning) Notes : Interdisciplinary Team Member	5.000	290.000	DAY	1,160.00	290.00	1,450.00
	Other-Wildlife Biologist (Planning) Notes : Interdisciplinary Team Member	5.000	290.000	DAY	1,160.00	290.00	1,450.00
	Other-Hydrologist/Soils (Planning) Notes : Interdisciplinary Team Member	5.000	290.000	DAY	1,160.00	290.00	1,450.00
	Other-Archaeologist (Planning) Notes : Interdisciplinary Team Member	5.000	290.000	DAY	1,160.00	290.00	1,450.00
	Other-District PS PAL (Implementation) Notes : All management and administrative costs for project will be part of FS match	1.000	372.000	DAY	0.00	372.00	372.00
	Other-OHV/Rec Specialist (Implementation)	25.000	290.000	DAY	5,800.00	1,450.00	7,250.00
	Other-OHV/Rec Tech (Implementation)	25.000	240.000	DAY	4,800.00	1,200.00	6,000.00
	Other-Volunteers (Implementation)	25.000	126.000	DAY	0.00	3,150.00	3,150.00
	Other-LEO (Monitoring) Notes : Project monitoring and enforcement	10.000	400.000	DAY	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Other-FPO (Monitoring) Notes : Project monitoring and enforcement	6.000	290.000	DAY	870.00	870.00	1,740.00
	Other-FPO (Monitoring) Notes : Project monitoring and enforcement	10.000	240.000	DAY	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,400.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				24,818.00	17,600.00	42,418.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-Backhoe w/Operator	6.000	760.000	DAY	4,560.00	0.00	4,560.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Printing (Planning) Notes : (e.g., printing of letters, documents, maps)	500.000	0.500	EA	0.00	250.00	250.00
	Other-Postage (Planning)	500.000	0.440	EA	0.00	220.00	220.00
	Other-Newspaper Legal Notice (Planning)	2.000	200.000	EA	400.00	0.00	400.00
	Signs Notes : (e.g., fiberglass post with decals)	50.000	30.000	EA	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Signs Notes : (e.g., approx. 24X24 inch project information, education, and enforcement signing)	10.000	100.000	EA	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Other-Barriers (Rock) Notes : Purchase and delivery of rock boulder barriers to project site	200.000	55.000	EA	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00
	Other-Barrier (Fence)	930.000	7.000	FT	6,510.00	0.00	6,510.00
	Other-Supplies Notes : Misc. supplies (e.g., concrete, bolts, paint)	1.000	1500.000	MISC	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Other-Tools Notes : Misc. tools and equipment (e.g., shovels, power saw, drill)	1.000	250.000	MISC	250.00	0.00	250.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				22,160.00	470.00	22,630.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-FOR- 4WD Truck (Planning)	24.000	14.000	DAY	0.00	336.00	336.00
	Other-Mileage- 4WD Truck (Planning)	24.000	20.000	DAY	0.00	480.00	480.00
	Other-FOR- 4WD Truck (Implementation)	25.000	14.000	DAY	0.00	350.00	350.00
	Other-Mileage- 4WD Truck (Implementation)	25.000	20.000	DAY	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Equipment Rental Notes : (e.g., posthole auger)	1.000	500.000	MISC	500.00	0.00	500.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				500.00	1,666.00	2,166.00
5	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
6	<b>Others</b>						
7	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost Notes : (10% administrative costs)	1.000	4241.000	MISC	0.00	4,241.00	4,241.00
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>				52,038.00	23,977.00	76,015.00
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				52,038.00	23,977.00	76,015.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>52,038.00</b>	<b>23,977.00</b>	<b>76,015.00</b>

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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	24,818.00	17,600.00	42,418.00	
2	Contracts	4,560.00	0.00	4,560.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	22,160.00	470.00	22,630.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	500.00	1,666.00	2,166.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	4,241.00	4,241.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		52,038.00	23,977.00	76,015.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		52,038.00	23,977.00	76,015.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>52,038.00</b>	<b>23,977.00</b>	<b>76,015.00</b>	



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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

If this project is not funded, the treatment areas will continue to deteriorate because of illegal OHV use causing resource damage. Further damage will occur to stream banks, riparian areas, and aquatic species habitat. Completion of the project (planning and implementation) will have a positive benefit to resources.

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

The cumulative impacts of the Groveland OHV Restoration Planning and Implementation Project will be addressed in the NEPA document prepared should this project be funded.

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

The Groveland OHV Restoration Planning and Implementation Project will complete the NEPA analysis and decision to implement the proposed action. Specifically related to soil impacts, the proposed project will likely improve the environmental conditions of the area. Ongoing rutting and erosion of illegal hill climbs will be curtailed. Loss of soil downslope and denuded areas will be addressed and minimized.

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

The various locations of the Groveland OHV Restoration Planning and Implementation Project is not visible from State Highway 120, the highway closest to the proposed project. The visual and scenic qualities of the localized area will be improved once the project is implemented as the treatment areas will be restored to their original conditions. Proposed barriers will be natural and blend into the surrounding environment while providing meadow/riparian area and sensitive area protection from vehicle incursions.

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

#### **ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

The Groveland OHV Restoration Planning and Implementation Project is not expected to cause indirect significant impacts on site or elsewhere. Currently, intrusion into sensitive areas by OHV's is taking place. By restoring these areas and providing educational signing and information to users, we are hopeful that OHV users will stay on appropriate routes in the area rather than travel off route.

#### **CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

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**1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)**

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is: 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

**2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2.**

2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Failure to fund the Project will result in adverse impacts to: 11

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Domestic water supply (4 points)  
☐ Archeological and historical resources identified in the California Register of Historical Resources or the Federal Register of Historic Places (3 points )  
☒ Stream or other watercourse (3 points)  
☒ Soils - Site actively eroding (2 points)  
☒ Sensitive areas (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of sensitive habitats [3]  
☐ Threatened and Endangered (T&E) listed species (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of T&E species  
☐ Other special-status species- Number of special-status species (1 point each, up to a maximum of 3) Enter number of special-status species

Describe the type and severity of impacts that might occur relative to the checked item(s):

The Groveland OHV Restoration Planning and Implementation Project will address current illegal OHV use causing resource damage to riparian areas. In addition, the project will address hill climbs causing erosion and soil loss.

**3. Reason for Project - Q 3.**

3. Reason for the Project 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Protect special-status species or cultural site (4 points)  
☒ Restore natural resource system damaged by OHV activity (4 points)  
☐ OHV activity in a closed area (3 points)  
☐ Alternative measures attempted, but failed (2 points)  
☐ Management decision (1 point)  
☐ Scientific and cultural studies (1 point)  
☐ Planning efforts associated with Restoration (1 point)

Reference Document

Project NEPA analysis and decision is part of this funding request. The need for the project was first identified in the 2006 OHV Grant Application. The purpose of the project is to restore areas where illegal OHV use is causing unacceptable resource damage. The project proposed to use natural barriers to keep OHV users on established routes through sensitive areas.

**4. Measures to Ensure Success - Q 4.**

4. Measures to ensure success –The Project makes use of the following elements to ensure successful implementation 10

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Site monitoring to prevent additional damage
- ☒ Construction of barriers and other traffic control devices
- ☒ Use of native plants and materials
- ☒ Incorporation of universally recognized 'Best Management Practices'
- ☒ Educational signage
- ☐ Identification of alternate OHV routes to ensure that OHV activities will not reoccur in restored area

Explain each item checked above:

Site monitoring: routine monitoring of project site can be readily accomplished as Forest personnel travel through the project areas on a regular basis. Project focus is the construction and installation of barriers to prevent further site damage by controlling vehicle access. Native materials (downed logs) will be used for barriers. Interpretive materials and signs will be designed, constructed and installed at the project site to inform the public of the need for restoration. OHV use will be re-directed to appropriate/legal OHV routes in the area.

**5. Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 5.**

5. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan (e.g., wilderness designation, land management plans, route designation decisions) that supports the need for the Restoration Project? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

1991 Stanislaus National Forest Land Management Plan, as amended; 1998 Stanislaus National Forest Motor Vehicle Travel Management Forest Plan Amendment; 2009 Motorized Travel Management - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Site specific NEPA analysis and decision are part of this funding request. Planning efforts will include public participation.

**6. Primary Funding Source - Q 6.**

6. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)  
☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)  
☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)  
☐ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

If 'Operational budget' is checked, list reference document(s):

Future operational costs to be minimal (related only to monitoring of restoration). Outyear Agency operational budget not yet developed.

**7. Public Input - Q 7.**

7. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- ☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- ☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The Groveland OHV Restoration Planning and Implementation Project was first developed as part of the 2006 Stanislaus National Forest Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application. Public meetings were held to share the grant application and to seek comments and feedback. Recent telephone contacts with local interested parties and stakeholders confirmed continued project support.

**8. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 8.**

8. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

Native Plant Society, Mule Deer Foundation, CSERC, OHV Groups and Individuals

**9. Scientific and Cultural Studies - Q 9.**

9. Scientific and cultural studies will 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Determine appropriate Restoration techniques (2 points)  
☒ Examine potential effects of OHV Recreation on natural or cultural resources (2 points)  
☒ Examine methods to ensure success of Restoration efforts (1 point)  
☐ Lead to direct management action (1 point)

Explain each item checked above

Appropriate resource surveys (cultural resources, hydrological, biological, botanical) will be completed for the project. Findings will be documented and used to complete the analysis of the proposed restoration project activities. Alternative methods may be considered. The final decision will document the action to be taken to ensure protection of resources and long term effectiveness of project implementation.

**10. Underlying Problem - Q 10.**

10. The underlying problem that resulted in the need for the Restoration Project has been effectively addressed and resolved 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (3 points)

Explain 'Yes' answer

The need for the project is obvious given the condition of the various project areas and the evidence of OHV use in these sensitive areas. The specific NEPA planning process to consider alternatives and document the ultimate decision is part of this funding request.

**11. Size of sensitive habitats - Q 11.**

11. Size of sensitive habitats (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) within the Project Area which will be restored 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Greater than 10 acres (5 points)  
☒ 1 – 10 acres (3 points)  
☐ Less than 1 acre (1 point)  
☐ No sensitive habitat within Project Area (No points)